



# WASHOE COUNTY

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CM/ACM	<u>DN</u>
Finance	<u>DN</u>
DA	<u>N/A</u>
Risk Mgt.	<u>N/A</u>
HR	<u>N/A</u>
Other	<u>N/A</u>

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: June 23, 2015**

**DATE:** May 28, 2015

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Accept a cash donation [\$650] from Vya Soil and Water Conservation District for the Roads Division to purchase herbicide for weed abatement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 5.)

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### SUMMARY

Accept a cash donation of \$650 from Vya Soil and Water Conservation District for the purchase of herbicides for weed abatement along roadway shoulders in the Vya/Long Valley area of Washoe County.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Sustainability of our financial, social and natural resources.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

None

### BACKGROUND

Washoe County Roads is responsible for maintaining approximately 125 centerline miles of unpaved roadways and adjacent shoulders in the Vya/Long Valley area. This area is primarily rangeland and is home to numerous cattle ranches and is also prime habitat for wildlife including deer and sage grouse. Noxious weeds pose a significant problem if left untreated, as an uncontrolled spread can mean loss of valuable wildlife habitat, impacts to the economy in the area, loss of native species and can cost both the public and private sectors substantial amounts of money to treat.

This donation will allow Washoe County Roads to purchase additional herbicide above and beyond what is currently budgeted to apply to the Vya/Long Valley roadways.

**AGENDA ITEM # 5H2**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This cash donation has been deposited into the Roads Fund (216), in the Roads Maintenance cost center 216002. Should the Board accept this donation, the following adjustments will be made in the Roads Fund FY 2014/2015 budget in both revenue and expenditure accounts:

216002-484000	Roads Maintenance – Donations	\$650
216002-710319	Roads Maintenance – Chemical Supplies	\$650

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a cash donation [\$650] from Vya Soil and Water Conservation District for the Roads Division to purchase herbicide for weed abatement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to accept a cash donation [\$650] from Vya Soil and Water Conservation District for the Roads Division to purchase herbicide for weed abatement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments”.